

There is a battery of stenographers available who work in seven-minute shifts. Each stenographer will stand next to the man or woman delivering the speech at the moment, work up the Gregg shorthand on a pad, take it to a room after seven minutes, where it is placed on a tape or given to a stenographer who in turn does the typing. Later that same day the rough draft is delivered to the speaker. The speaker either approves or makes changes and that evening, that night, through the night, the United States Government Printing Office works on the final print. This then gives us a twenty-four hour schedule in which this thing is done.

If we have that kind of money and that kind of manpower, perhaps we could then go into the real validity, but just on the question of cost most of us should give pause.

My understanding is that the allotment here at this Convention is \$110,000 for the transcript which I suggest to you would not even touch both houses of the legislature where many persons would give speeches that were never delivered, merely put into the record so they could be sent out to constituents.

One thing I should make clear more than anything else, is that where necessary a letter of intent attached to a bill where desired or necessary so that there is no question of the intent in this legislature of people who are voting in Committee and on the floor for a particular bill, would make it so that the question of intent is never in question where the request is made. There are other points I had hoped to touch on. There will be approximately 2,000 bills submitted each year, nine major committees. I will close with the one statement I remember from college work on this question. Remember that a legislature in committee is the legislature at work. What happens on the floor contrary to what we have seen here in the Convention is not nearly so important as what actually happens in committee. The next step before us would be provision for day to day transcripts in each of those nine committees. The thing can get out of hand even as the cost on the floor.

THE PRESIDENT: Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition to the amendment? Delegate Koger.

DELEGATE KOGER: Mr. Chairman, I am not sure I am right, but I would like to support the remarks of Delegate Miller.

THE PRESIDENT: You may speak in opposition to the amendment.

DELEGATE KOGER: First of all, I have three reasons why I think the cost of this thing would be justified. First is the quality of the statements by legislators. I believe the average person here, knowing that the remarks he makes will be on the record, will perhaps add more quality, or greater effort, to make his remarks a little bit better and will try to prepare himself when he speaks so he will not ramble on.

Number two, I think the person should be held responsible for the quality or, you might say, should be held responsible for his remarks. I have heard various people here make quite a lot of statements that sometimes I do not think are exactly correct.

The third reason is the accuracy of remarks. Usually all we have to depend upon for the news of what goes on in the legislature is the newspaper. We know just about half. Sometimes concerning some meetings we have had here, I have had quite a bit of difficulty finding out if they were the same meetings I attended just by reading the newspaper. While I hope you will not necessarily hold me completely responsible, I do not think they have always been responsible reporting.

I suggest if we had transcripts of our meetings here we would know more about what was going on, it would be much more accurate, and would certainly justify the cost.

THE PRESIDENT: Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition to the motion for reconsideration in favor of the amendment?

Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, if this is going to be just an old fashioned transcript, I do not want to reconsider it. But if this is going to be a modern record in accordance with my Amendment C, then I would certainly be in favor of reconsideration. I do not know if any action was taken on Amendment C the other day or not.

THE PRESIDENT: It was not offered, Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: Is there any way I could have Amendment C considered first? I want what is provided for in Amendment C. Then there is something really to vote for, then there is something to really have. Just an old-fashioned transcript I would be against.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Storm, it seems to the Chair that there are two possi-